

Dear FCC:

I OPPOSE any FCC rule that would reduce the protection I currently receive from the Indiana Telephone Privacy Law. The FCC should NOT PREEMPT any state law which gives residents of those states greater protection from unsolicited telephone calls than the FCC provides. There is no need for the Federal government to usurp the ability of states to protect their citizens.

Before the Indiana Telephone Privacy Law took effect almost a year ago I received over twenty calls a week from commercial phone banks. In addition, I received at least that many calls which instantly hung up as soon as I answered. I'm sure these were generated by computerized phone banks as well, and these were even more irritating and almost as disruptive than the calls that actually connected me to a solicitor. Of the calls which did connect, at least a quarter of the solicitors lied to me within the first minute of the call.

Since the Indiana Telephone Privacy Law took effect I have had only three calls soliciting funds or trying to sell me something during almost a year, and two of them were from non-profit organizations which were operating legally using their own volunteers. Furthermore, the "instant hang-up" calls have totally stopped. The end of the disruptive calls from solicitors has enhanced my ability to efficiently conduct my business as well as my volunteer activities for civic organizations and my church.

I urge you NOT to PREEMPT the Indiana Privacy Law.

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